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BEGIN SUMMARY. JANUARY 23 MEETING OF "LIKE-MINDED" COUNTRIES  
TOOK UP FRENCH AMENDMENTS TO PART XI OF THE ICNT AND THEIR  
SUGGESTED "MINI-TREATY." RESPONSE TO BOTH DOCUMENTS WAS  
GENERALLY COOL. "LIKE-MINDED" EXPERTS WILL MEET ON FRINGES  
OF INTERSESSIONAL TO CONTINUE WORK ON AMENDMENTS. "MINI-  
TREATY" PROPOSALS WILL BE PUT ON ICE AWAITING DEVELOPMENTS  
IN UNCLOS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE "LIKE-MINDED" COUNTRIES MET JANUARY 23 IN PARIS. THE  
SESSION, CHAIRED BY FRANCE, WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES  
FROM THE UK, FRG, THE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, JAPAN, AND THE  
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US. CANADA WAS LISTED AS AN "OBSERVER" AT ITS REQUEST  
BUT PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN THE MEETING.

2. OST OF THE DISCUSSION CENTERED ON A SET OF POSSIBLE  
AMENDMENTS TO PART XI OF THE ICNT PREPARED BY THE FRENCH  
DELEGATION. REACTION TO THE FRENCH AMENDMENTS WAS  
GENERALLY COOL, WITH PARTICULAR SKEPTICISM BEING DIRECTED

AT THEIR PROPOSAL TO MAKE THE REGIME A VERY TEMPORARY ONE BY INVITING REVIEW AFTER ONLY TEN YEARS. BOTH THE DESIRABILITY OF SUCH A SHORT PERIOD AND ITS NEGOTIABILITY IN UNCLOS WERE STRONGLY QUESTIONED BY THE UK, FRG AND US. THE FRENCH ALSO PROPOSED THAT THERE BE NO PRODUCTION LIMITATION, ITS FUNCTION BEING PERFORMED INSTEAD BY A SYSTEM OF COMPENSATION FOR DEVELOPING LAND-BASED PRODUCERS. THIS IDEA WAS PRAISED AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE BY ALL DELEGATIONS EXCEPT CANADA, BUT DOUBTS ABOUT ITS NEGOTIABILITY WERE WIDESPRED.

3. IT WAS DECIDED THAT EXPERTS FROM THE VARIOUS DELEGATIONS WOULD WORK ON A SET OF TEXTS TO THE RIGHT OF THE ICNT DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF THE INTERSESSIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN NEW YORK FEBRUARY 6-17. THE US REP (AMB. ALDRICH) WARNED, AND OTHERS AGREED, THAT THESE TEXTS SHOULD NOT BE PRESENTED AS A PACKAGE THAT WOULD BE A TARGET FOR THE G-77, BUT SHOULD INSTEAD BE DRAWN UPON SUBJECT BY SUBJECT AS CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANTED DURING THE INTERSESSIONAL AND THE SEVENTH SESSION.

4. THERE WAS A BRIEF DISCUSSION AT THE END OF THE DAY OF THE FRENCH "MINI-TREATY" DRAFT. IT WAS AGREED THAT IT SHOULD BE PUT ASIDE FOR THE PRESENT.  
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